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1. ACCORDING JULY 13 PRESS REPORT, REGIONAL COURT IN EAST LONDON FOUND STEVEN BIKO, HONORARY PRESIDENT OF BLACK PEOPLE'S CONVENTION (BPC), NOT GUILTY ON CHARGES OF SUBORDINATION OF PERJURY IN CONNECTION WITH GRAHAMSTOWN SABOTAGE CASE (REFTEL). JUDGE REPORTEDLY SAID COURT HAD TO BE CAUTIOUS IN ACCEPTING EVIDENCE OF STATE WITNESSES MOST OF WHOM WERE ACCOMPLICES WHO HOPED TO BE RELEASED FROM DETENTION AS RESULT THEIR TESTIMONY. JUDGE REJECTED, HOWEVER, DEFENSE ALLEGATIONS THAT POLICE HAD INSTRUCTED WITNESSES ON WHAT TO SAY.

2. REPORT FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL ON CURRENT STATUS OF BPC LEADERSHIP WHICH HAS BEEN DECIMATED BY BANNINGS AND DETENTIONS. WHITE
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